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VBT will opt out of local marijuana businesses – for now

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After discussion of state voters passing Proposal One on Nov. 6 and what it means to the township, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees informally agreed that it wanted to opt out of having local marijuana businesses – for now.

After all the rules are laid out at the state level, township officials could look at opting in. Under the law, the township could opt in at any time.

At the work/study meeting of the township board on Nov. 13, Ron Akers, Director of Planning and Economic Development, presented options regarding recreational marijuana businesses in the township.

He gave board members lots of information, including the exact wording of the legislation and other things to consider.

Akers said if the board wishes to opt in, he recommends they resume the subcommittee from three years ago which was working on the marijuana issue, which included the attorney and Public Safety.

He also said they should consider placing a moratorium on the issuance of any approvals or licenses until the township develops regulations.

He said if the decision to opt out is made, then staff will prepare a required

ordinance completely opting out of allowing marijuana establishments within the boundaries of the township.

He said, according to the law the state has up to 12 months from the effective date of the law (likely early December) to create the licensing system.

Akers pointed out on Nov. 6 in VBT the majority of township voters voted in favor of Proposal One: yes, 8,401 (62.8%) and no, 4,969 (37.2%).

He said opting out would only be for having marijuana businesses in the township and has no impact on the decriminalization elements of the law.

Akers went over the estimated revenue that would come to the township if it opted in. This would be based on how many dispensaries were open in the state, and he estimated that as from 450 to 600. He said the township could get \$50,000 per facility. He said if the township wanted to issue five, it could cover those such as a gas station that wanted to sell recreational marijuana.

Part of the state money is for road funds and, Akers said, “Even if we opt out, the road funds will be spread across the whole state.”

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the problem is the township doesn’t know when it takes effect and when they have to have their opt-out ordinance passed. He noted it takes two readings to pass an ordinance and the law could take effect ten days after the election is certified.

If a municipality doesn’t pass the opt-out ordinance, then it officially opts in.

He said if the ordinance needs to be passed at once, he may call the board in for a special meeting.

Trustee Kevin Martin said he thought it would be better to opt out and see what happens, rather than opt in.

“I’m 100% against marijuana and I voted

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Alex Salvadaro led the crowd on a virtual tour of the new library under construction in Belleville at last Thursday’s Legacy @ Your Library event at Wayne County Community College. Library architect Dan Whisler provided descriptions of what they were seeing. Whisler and Salvadaro are part of Daniels & Zermack architectural firm. Belleville Area District Library Board chairman Sharon Peters talked about the opportunity for the public “to make possible the special things we want for the library by their donations.” Peters said this library is “the biggest building project to serve everyone in Belleville, possibly ever.” About 60 people attended the event.

Sumpter residents need to buy vest, hardhat to dump free at landfill

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

In an Oct. 26 letter, Sumpter Township was informed of enforcement of a regulation at Carleton Farms Landfill that was to take effect on Nov. 1 and residents would no longer be loaned a vest and hardhat to enter the site.

Brian Josupeit, Carleton Farms Operations Manager, wrote that the landfill will no longer be loaning HIGH VIZ hard hats and vests to residents “due to the safety concern of our customers and our scale personnel during the handling of the soiled personal protection equipment.”

In the past, under the host-community agreement, residents were able to take trash to the landfill and deposit it there

without charge.

He said the rule is as follows: “All customers are required by Republic Services Policy to wear a HIGH-VIZ vest and hard hat while onsite anywhere outside of their vehicle.”

He said the cost of a hard hat and vest purchased as a kit is \$21 and if the customer returns at a later date without their own personal protection equipment, they will be required to re-purchase another kit before they will be allowed to enter the site.

“This has been posted here at the landfill for a while now,” he wrote to Sumpter Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis. “If you think you need another 30 days to let the township folks know about the changes,

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BHS ends winning season with 16-28 loss to Chippewa Valley

The Belleville High School varsity football team ended its 12-game winning season with a 16-28 loss to Chippewa Valley on Saturday in a state semifinal game at Troy Athens High School.

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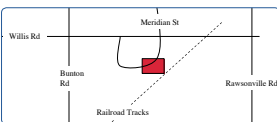


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District Library raises close to \$200,000 to help with amenities

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Belleville Area District Library Board chairman Sharon Peters announced at its Nov. 13 meeting that the Fund Development/Marketing Committee has raised close to \$200,000 so far in its efforts to gather additional funds to provide amenities for the new library building, now under construction.

She said that committee is connecting with the Art Committee for the new library.

Peters said that want to do something before the cornerstone is laid. She said they will put the names of every donor, big and small, inside the cornerstone.

The Legacy @ Your Library gathering on Nov. 15 was set up to explain what is happening with the library and how individuals and groups can leave their legacies with their donations.

Peters said among the donations so far are \$50,000 from the Belleville Rotary Club, \$85,000 from an anonymous donor for

vegetative roofs, \$25,000 from the Friends of the Library for naming rights of the children's garden, and \$10,000 from Dee Crowe for naming rights for the fireplace.

In other business at the Nov. 13 meeting, the board:

- Welcomed in the audience two newly elected board members, who will take their seats in January: Linda Priest, a retired teacher who is active in the Friends of the Library and has lived in Belleville for 18 years; and Barbara Gates, a retired Naval officer and nurse who worked for the State Department in Washington and around the world, who has lived in Van Buren Township for two years as of this coming February. Two incumbent board members were also reelected: Mary Jane Dawson and Sharon Peters. Board members said they would miss board member Tanya Stoudemire, who was not reelected;

- Heard a report from building committee chairwoman Joy Cichewicz who said they decided to make the new upstairs toilet

unisex after hearing input from staff. Also board member John Juriga will look into getting Contract Welding in Belleville to do the benches and bike racks for the building. She also reported they will be meeting with Sumpter Township on Nov. 20 to work on details for the branch library to be put in place there;

- Heard a report from architect Dan Whisler on progress on building the new library. He said a number of contracts were accepted and awarded on Oct. 16. The original delivery date for the first of the steel beams has been delayed until mid December. Scaffold has arrived on the scene and should be up soon. He said the block elevator shaft and stair shaft have to be in place before the beams go up. He also reported AT&T is out doing a lot of its work and is getting the overhead wires out of the way of the construction team;

- Heard Library Director Mary Jo Suchy report that they have gone out for bids for a Radio Frequency Identification program

so the new library can offer self-checkout. It also will act as an anti-theft system and will greatly improve the workflow for the circulation staff. Bids are due Nov. 21. She said all the books and audio-visual materials in the entire collection must first be tagged. The new library will contain 86,000 books and 10,000 A-V items. She said the tagging is expected to begin in March. She also said although not in the budget, they have asked for pricing from vendors on an automated materials handling system that will pre-sort items being returned to the library. She said the architect has designed the staff area of the library for the possibility of installing such a system; and

- Heard Peters say she attended the Michigan Library Association meeting when Belleville author Beverly Jenkins was honored. Peters, who said she has known Jenkins since college, said Jenkins is "A treasure of the Belleville area."

VBT LDFA keeps watch on upcoming shortfall on Visteon bonds

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Nov. 14, the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority approved its 2019 budget that shows a shortfall of \$639,157 for its October payment on the Visteon bonds and a loan from the township's long-term debt fund to cover the payment in case Visteon continues to refuse to help pay.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said it will be a loan with interest and he is targeting the July LDFA meeting to approve the loan document. He stressed they will ask Visteon first for help with the payment.

When asked by LDFA member Doug Peters who will write up the loan document, Director of Planning and Economic Development Ron Akers said township attorney Patrick McCauley and attorney Kaveh Kashef could work together.

Supervisor McNamara said he would

like to get a new attorney who knows about these kinds of issues.

"Not Kaveh," said Peters, a retired attorney, noting McCauley represents the township and Kashef is representing the LDFA.

In discussing the law suit against Visteon, McNamara said Kashef made the oral argument before the Michigan Supreme Court on Oct. 9, seeking an appeal of the suit that failed at the circuit court and appeals court levels. The court's decision as to whether it will hear the appeal is pending.

"We thought we did great," said McNamara, who said he attended the court hearing in person.

It was noted Supreme Court Justice Bernstein tried to give Visteon counsel, but they wouldn't take it. The big issue was if the township's loss was "ripe."

"If we lose, it doesn't matter," Peters said of the Supreme Court ruling. "We're going

to be ripe soon enough, in October 2019."

"We need a schedule of what's taking place," said LDFA chairman Michael Dotson and Akers assured him he would prepare the information.

Dotson also noted they need to keep the community aware of "this amazing location over there," referring to Grace Lake Corporate Center, previously called Visteon Village and built with the help of VBT bonds.

"Grace Lake benefits the LDFA," Dotson said.

LDFA secretary John Delaney said he would like to have a copy of the oral argument before the Michigan Supreme Court for the LDFA records, apart from township records. He was told it is on YouTube and they could get a copy.

Akers pointed out the state statute on LDFAs requires its budget to be submitted to the township board for approval first and

then adopted by the LDFA board. This exact budget was before the LDFA on July 24 and then the VBT board approved it Oct. 16.

The LDFA board also approved its 2019 meetings, all at 2 p.m., for: Jan. 8, March 12, May 14, July 9, Sept. 10 and Nov. 13. Informational meetings required by the state will be a part of the March 12 and Sept. 10 meetings.

Delaney said he would like to see a meeting of the Marketing subcommittee and Dotson said he would set a meeting. Dotson, Delaney, and Chuck Covington serve on that subcommittee.

The LDFA also welcomed new member, Dave Schriber, representing Wayne County. He has been Wayne County Economic Development Manager for a year and a half and before that worked in business development for Oakland County for 30 years.

Sumpter Twp. cancels meeting when 4 board members don't show

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Four members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees were absent from the scheduled work/study session and regular board meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis announced that all four had called in to say they weren't coming.

Absent were Clerk Esther Hurst, who reportedly was on vacation, and Trustees Don LaPorte, Matthew Oddy, and Donald

Swinson. There was no announcement of why the trustees were absent.

Present were Supervisor John Morgan, Treasurer Peggy Morgan, and Trustee Sheena Barnes. It was the last meeting for Treasurer Morgan and Trustee Barnes since they had not been elected to positions in the Nov. 6 election. Morgan had served the township in elected positions and finally this final appointed position for a total of 16 years.

Since the seven-member township

board needs a quorum of four to conduct business, no business was conducted. After the audience waited patiently through the 30 minutes of the scheduled 6 p.m. work/study session and a few minutes into the 6:30 p.m. regular session in case another board member showed up, Supervisor Morgan announced there weren't enough present to hold a meeting and the meeting was cancelled.

Deputy Supervisor Armatis sat in the seat of the deputy clerk, who also was absent.

Deputy Dawn Hadyniak generally takes the minutes of regular meetings.

Before the scheduled work/study session, the *Independent* questioned why there wasn't a press packet for the meeting and Armatis said there wouldn't be a meeting because four board members called in to say they weren't coming.

But, when township attorney Rob Young was consulted, he recommended waiting until the regular meeting time arrived

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Thanksgiving is more than turkey

On Thursday, families will gather together to observe Thanksgiving Day, eat some turkey, and plan what to do about their long week end and Black Friday shopping. Also, Thanksgiving is about looking around and being appreciative for all the little and big things we enjoy.

In the Belleville area, these are some of the things for which we are thankful:

- The volunteers who work long, hard hours to put on the festivals and events for our communities, as well as the special projects, like new night wear for residents of an extended-care facility or special goodies sent in boxes to those in the service in Iraq;
- The local people who are digging into their pockets for their hard-earned money to assist the district library board in its efforts to put amenities back into the plans for the new library building, after they were removed for budget cuts. This library could be in place to serve the tri-community for 100 years, they say. Let's make it as nice as we can;
- The police officers and fire fighters in our communities who reach out and do more than is expected, regularly, to help tri-community residents;
- The teachers in our schools and the school bus drivers on our roads who reach out to help those who need coats or hats or an encouraging word; and
- All those who say, "Have a nice day" or "Have a good one" to underscore cordial leave-taking.

Happy Thanksgiving Day.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said at the end of the Nov. 13 work/study meeting of the board that the Independent should tell its readers that the township is auctioning off the 1990 fire truck that has been decertified by the state. He said they have to sell it by Dec. 14 and the highest bid so far is \$5,000. They have to move it out of the firehall because they need the room, he said.

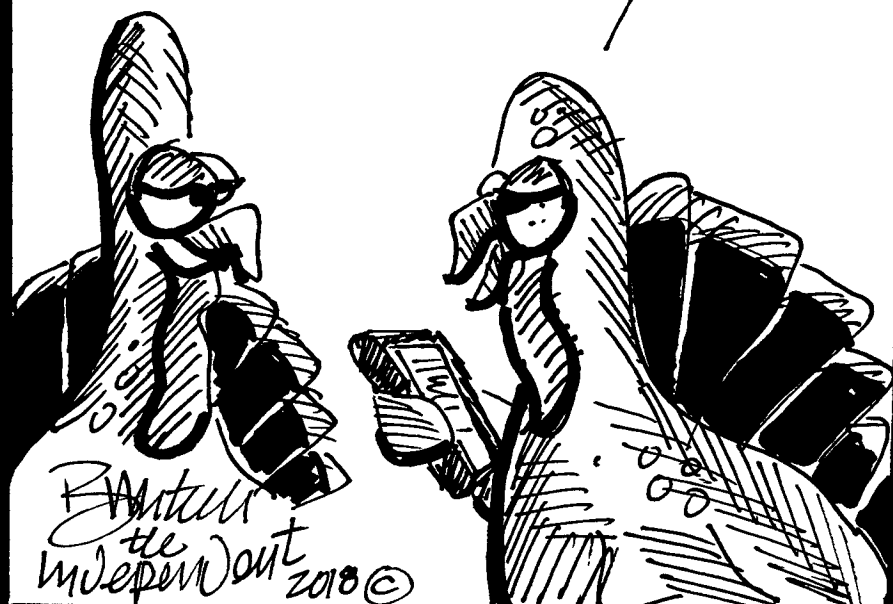
McNamara said he would like to buy it, but his wife certainly wouldn't approve. "Who wouldn't want to own a fire truck?" he asked.

Remember when the late Ralph Nodwell bought a fire engine? He had great fun with that fire engine and it was in several parades.

The Canadian Pacific Christmas Train coming through Belleville on Nov. 30 may not have its Christmas lights on, according to a Nov. 16 story in The Detroit Free Press. Its run between Windsor and Chicago may be unlit due to "rail security and safety reasons." The newspaper said CP is reconsidering its decision to turn off the lights after people communicated their disappointment. They will decide when the train is in Windsor. Some people quoted said they will keep in touch with people they know along the track after the train crosses the border to find out if it's lit.

Launched in 1999, the annual tour collects donations of dollars and food on its annual trip across Canada and the northern United States. Since its inception, the train has raised more than \$14.5 million Canadian and gathered more than 4.3 million pounds of food for communities along

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CP routes in both countries, according to a press release.

At each stop, the train brings nationally and internationally known performers to entertain the crowds. Each event is free, with CP encouraging attendees to bring donations of food and money to help address hunger in their communities.

The train has never stopped in this part of Michigan, as far as we know, but local residents have waited trackside every year to see the lighted train whoosh by -- and often take its picture.

The Michigan Lottery reports the \$1 million Mega Millions winning ticket sold at the Meijer gas station on Belleville Road was purchased by a Detroit lottery club for the Oct. 26 drawing.

"The jackpot was getting so big, a few of us decided to throw some money together to buy tickets," said Curt McCoy, club representative for the Eva's Angels lottery club. "My sister, nieces, and a family friend all joined for a shot at the \$1.5 billion jackpot. We didn't win the jackpot, but we did win \$18. We figured the money was already spent, so we re-invested the \$18 in more Mega Millions tickets and we are all really glad we did."

He said he realized someone won at the gas station where he bought their tickets, so he raced to the store to scan the tickets and when the clerk scanned the ticket he could tell by the look on his face that they

had won big.

The club members visited lottery headquarters on Nov. 13 to claim the big prize. Each member received \$200,000 before taxes.

"We're all looking forward to being debt free and taking much-needed vacations," McCoy said.

There's an interesting case before the Michigan Supreme Court brought by a man who was convicted in a Washtenaw County Court of assault and fined more than \$1,600 in court costs.

His attorney, who brought the suit, says this is an illegal tax on those found guilty, many of whom are poor, and they shouldn't have to pay to keep the lights and heat on in the courthouse.

This case will affect district courts around the state and other courts. We're wondering if this will affect the \$20 fee paid by those with tickets and other cases at the 34th District Court that is paying off the bond money borrowed by the City of Romulus to build the new courthouse.

As we recall, Romulus pledged its full faith and credit to back the bonds because they were assured the court would pay off the bonds with its fees.



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Letters

Thank you for your support over 16 years

To the editor:

Thank you to my husband Bud, sons Richard and David, also to the rest of my family and friends for all their love and support that they have given me the last 16 years. Without them understanding, it would have made it very difficult. I love you all.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of Sumpter Township over the last 16 years. I would just like you to know that I have enjoyed working for you.

Also, I'd like to thank all the employees, past and present. I truly appreciate you all for the respect you have given me. You have been very caring, kind, and thoughtful to me and my family. I will cherish all the memories, the happy, sad, funny and difficult times. I learned at a very early age, if you give respect, you'll get respect back in return. I believe if you treat employees right, they will treat you right in return. I'm proud to say I live here, I work here, I enjoy our country living in this beautiful Township of Sumpter.

Congratulations to Clerk Esther Hurst, Treasurer-elect Ken Bednark, Trustee-elect Tim Rush. I wish you all the best.

Thank you, all Sumpter Township.
 Treasurer Peggy Morgan

Swift sets Christmas Dinner for Our Veterans

To the editor:

On Sunday, Dec. 16, we will hold the fourth-annual Swift Christmas Dinner for Our Veterans.

This will be our fourth year hosting this wonderful event and with each passing year it grows. It is hard to find the right words to express just how much this dinner means to us, to the awesome people who support it, and for the ones who attend. This event is open to the public and if you have never attended, please try to come this year. You will not be sorry.

Each year we are able to do a little bit more to help our veterans and their families. This is all due to the support of our communities, families, and our veterans. However, I want to send a special Thank You out to all the employees of Swift Transportation who donate to Swift Charities. Thank you for helping to make this day possible. When we all do a little, we accomplish a lot. And this year is no different and we have a lot of help making it all happen.

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It takes a lot of volunteers to help with this event and the Eternal Knights Masonic Riding Association jumped right in and has been giving 110% to make this another great day for our veterans. They support this event until the last table is cleaned after the dinner and the door is locked behind us. This is an awesome group of people who can inspire you to get involved and do more. Doing more to help is what they are doing. They are heading up the care backpacks for the displaced veterans. we will be busing in from Detroit Veterans Housing Program, and we had even more support from the community. Michigan Memorial Funeral Home volunteered as a drop-off point for any donation for the backpacks.

It is sad to say, but we will have at least 100 displaced veterans attending our dinner. It is our honor to have our displaced veterans attend, but we should never have to say one of our veterans is or will be homeless. Giving them a backpack with a few needed items is only small way of helping them but we are going to take that help a step further.

Here is the plan. We need to get them working and give them the means to obtain a permanent home for themselves and their families. Our wonderful recruiter, Scott Hanly, from the New Boston terminal, will be on-hand at the dinner and extending the opportunity for employment with our Military Apprenticeship Program. Scott will have all the program details on-hand and be ready to help any veteran or spouse of a veteran complete the appropriate paperwork to get the ball rolling.

I highly encourage you to get to know this program and exactly what it can do for our Veterans. In a nutshell, here it is: Military Apprenticeship Program is through the Department of Labor and the Veteran Administration. Swift is the only carrier with a National Approval under the Valor Act.

This means more help for our veterans and this includes the National Guard. We can go places others cannot. This is a big deal! A really BIG DEAL! Get this out to the veterans around the country. It will make a difference in someone's life.

To all our Veterans: Thank you for giving us this day and the tomorrow we are looking forward to.

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Editor's Note: Doors open for the dinner at 12:30 p.m. at the Southgate VFW Post, 16200 Dix-Toledo Rd., Southgate. Dinner will be served from 1 to 5 p.m. A \$12 donation includes dinner and a soft drink; \$5 donation for children 5-12. Vets eat free with proper ID. Pick up tickets at Swift Transportation in New Boston, (734) 753-2323, or VFW Post 9283, (734) 282-0605.

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More Letters

7,200 tons from Luckey site to VBT, so far

Hello from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District:

We continue to make progress in cleaning up the Luckey Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site. As of Nov. 2, 2018, the Corps of Engineers has safely cleaned up and disposed of over 7,200 tons of material contaminated with beryllium, radium-226, thorium-230, uranium-234, uranium-238, and lead from the Luckey Site. The Corps of Engineers' highest priorities during cleanup activities at the site are to be protective of human health and the environment, to ensure that work is conducted in a safe and efficient manner, and to prevent the spread of contamination.

Over the past several months, we have been evaluating the effectiveness of using the automatic soil sorter during the cleanup. In the past, using the soil sorter at other FUSRAP sites has provided value to the government by ensuring that only those soils that are radioactively contaminated were transported and disposed of off-site, thereby reducing the total volume shipped.

Our evaluation of soil sorting at the Luckey Site indicates we are not realizing the expected volume reduction in shipped wastes, our costs to operate the soil sorter exceed the expected savings in transportation and disposal of waste material, and the increased handling of soils potentially increases worker exposure to safety hazards.

The soil sorting operation is successfully segregating waste materials based on radioactivity. However, most of the materials which satisfy our radioactivity criteria subsequently fail for beryllium and must be transported for off-site disposal.

We've concluded that we can execute a safer and more cost-effective remediation by discontinuing use of the soil sorter. This will likely result in a larger volume of waste materials being shipped from the site, but through a safer and more-efficient operation.

We have instructed the contractor to stop using the automatic soil sorter and take the necessary steps for an orderly shutdown, dismantlement, decontamination, and demobilization of the soil sorter.

The cleanup will continue; the contractor will load excavated soils into shipping containers without sorting them, and will continue to scan the containers to ensure that there are no contaminated materials on the external shell of the containers before they are transported to the disposal facility.

Our priorities remain to clean up the site in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment, ensures that work is conducted in a safe and efficient manner, and prevents the spread of contamination.

We will continue to send you updates periodically as progress is made in cleaning up the site. If you know someone that is interested in receiving our email updates, please ask them to send an email to fusrap@

usace.army.mil and ask to be added to our electronic and/or postal distribution lists.
Sincerely,
Arleen K. Kreusch, APR
Outreach Program Specialist
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District
Special Projects Branch, Environmental Project Management Team
1776 Niagara Street
Buffalo, New York 14207

Editor's Note: The Luckey FUSRAP Site

is near the Village of Luckey, Ohio. All of the contaminated waste from the cleanup is being transported and deposited in the U.S. Ecology Wayne Disposal site on the North I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township. The landfill received approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to receive the soils from the former beryllium producing facility operated by the Atomic Energy commission in the 1950s as part of the national defense program. Shipments began in May.

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Obituaries



Todd Thomas Atchinson

TODD THOMAS ATCHINSON

(December 12, 1967 – November 17, 2018)
Todd Thomas Atchinson, age 50, passed away Saturday, November 17, 2018 at his home. He was born December 12, 1967 in Livonia, MI, son of Kurt & Jayne Atchinson. He was a life-long Belleville resident and 1986 graduate of Belleville High School. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, boating and working with his hands. His passion was music. He loved to deejay and was known to many as T.A. DJ.

Todd is survived by his son Travis Todd Atchinson of Canton, MI; parents Kurt & Jayne Atchinson of Henderson, Nevada; brother Craig (Medina) Atchinson, also two nieces Ava & Ella Atchinson, all of Belleville.

Visitation was 5-8 PM Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734)697-4500. In-State Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 10 AM at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, with an 11:00 AM Funeral Mass. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Van Buren Education Foundation and would be appreciated.

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PHYLLIS GREER MacDONALD

(March 10, 1934 – October 26, 2018)
Phyllis Greer MacDonald, 84, of Carson, CA, died October 26, 2018. She was the wife of Dale MacDonald, who graduated from Belleville High School in 1950. They had been married for 26 years. Phyllis originally was from Myra, KY.

NEIL HENRY SANDERS

(September 28, 1928 – November 13, 2018)
Age 90, of Wayne, MI, formerly of Belleville. Survived by four children: Deborah, Carol, David, and Georgia; 8 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren. David C. Brown Funeral Home.
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Hardhats

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that will be fine.”

Deputy Armatis got the deadline extended to Dec. 1.

But when there was no announcement of this to the public at township meetings, outgoing Treasurer Peggy Morgan, who found out about the change last week, called Josupeit and got the effective date pushed to Jan. 1, 2019.

Morgan said she was at the township hall for some paperwork having to do with her ending employment as an elected official when she observed two senior citizens who were being told by a clerk that they would have to have \$21 to enter the dump. They said their car was packed full of trash to dump, but they didn't



Erma and Burl Lucius

BURL LUCIUS

(April 25, 1934 – October 27, 2018)

ERMA LOU LUCIUS

(April 25, 1934 – November 1, 2018)

Both formerly of Belleville.

Burl Lucius went to be with our Lord on October 27, 2018 at the age of 84. On November 1, 2018 his wife Erma Lou Lucius joined him. They were both born April 25, 1934 in Mississippi.

Burl was born to Joe and Annie Lucius and Erma was born to Jimmie and Josie Wells. Both families lived in different counties in Mississippi but moved to Mound, Arkansas. As a present to each other they married on their 18th birthday, April 25, 1952.

In the Mid 1950s they moved from Arkansas to Michigan where they began their family and started their careers. He retired from General Motors Willow Run Assembly Plant in 1987 after 33 years of service. Erma retired from the United States Post office as a mail carrier for over 20 years in the Belleville, Plymouth, and Wayne offices. After retirement they moved to Tyler, TX and later to Ovillia, TX.

Burl and Erma were married for 66 years. They are survived by a daughter Patti (Ron) Bluhm of Belleville, MI; a son Bobby (Martha) Lucius of Ovillia, TX; grandchildren John (Karen) Lucius of Midlothian, TX; Pierre (Becca) Lucius of Midlothian, TX; Blake Bluhm of Belleville, MI; Great grandchildren Gemma and Jude Lucius; Olivia and Micha Lucius all of Midlothian, TX. Burl and Erma both enjoyed travelling, fishing, bowling and spending time with family and friends on the lake. Burl was always willing to give a helping hand to friends and neighbors. Erma loved cooking and baking and made sure she cooked your favorite dishes. They both

suffered from Dementia. It is sad that they are both gone within 5 days of each other, but it is only right that they are together and at peace.

2nd Corinthians 5: 6-9

Memorial service December 1, 2018 in Ovillia, TX.

have \$21. Morgan suggested they try the dump even though it was past what they were told was the Nov. 1 deadline. They later reported the landfill loaned them the personal protection equipment so they could dump.

The clerk told Morgan the Oct. 26 letter from the landfill manager was posted on the township bulletin board in the hallway.

Township attorney Rob Young has announced at township meetings that he is working on a new contract with Republic Services, owner of Carleton Farms, but he gave no details of the talks.

Jennifer Price, of the Van Buren Township department that gives information on its landfill, said there is no requirement for a hard hat and vest when bringing trash for free dumping at Woodland Meadows, but they do have a staging area for such trash and residents do not go to the top of the hill for most materials.

More Letters

Goodfellows reach out for donations to help

Dear Friends:

As the holiday time of year draws ever near, we are reaching out to you as leaders of our community for donations to help the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows keep the promise of "No Child Without a Christmas." Without your support, we would not be able to serve even half of the families who received assistance last year.

We are a totally volunteer organization and spend countless hours putting together this endeavor. Every cent of your donation goes to the program, and without your generous help none of this would be possible!

Christmas is brighter for hundreds of families, because we all care. We supply things such as food (non-perishable items), new children's winter coats, and the nearest and dearest things are presents for each child from Santa. It is a great feeling to know that each and every one of us who are part of this is a Santa, not only to our families, but also to countless others, as well.

Your continued support is most important to this huge yearly undertaking. If you haven't made a donation to this community-wide effort before, we urge you to give serious consideration this year. Please give 'til it helps!

We thank you in advance for your contribution, and we also want to thank you for the hundreds of children who still believe in Santa because of you.

Please make your donation out to the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows. Mail to 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111, Attn: Pam Fleming. You may also drop your donation off at the Van Buren Township Police Department, Attn: Pam Fleming, or at the Belleville Police Department, Attn: Sue Moore.

Happy Holidays and all the best to you and yours in the coming year!

Pam Fleming, Goodfellows Coordinator

Director Greg Laurain, Co-Chair
Van Buren Township Police

Chief Hal Berriman, Co-Chair
City of Belleville Police

Chamber announces 9th-annual business decorating contest

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce announces its 9th-annual Main Street Business Decorating Contest.

To qualify for a prize, businesses on Main are advised to decorate their main display windows or their entire building. All entries will be judged on Thursday, Nov. 29, after 6 p.m. Winners will be announced before the start of the Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Prizes are \$100 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third. For more information, email the chamber at info@bellevilleareachamber.org or call Paul Henning, executive director, (734) 697-7151; president Carmen Stovall, (734) 363-3531; or president-elect Jessica Darcy, (734) 699-7008.



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Sumpter Twp.

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to cancel the meeting to see if any more members show up.

Supervisor Morgan asked if they couldn't just hold the work/study session with the three present and Young said they couldn't.

The audience, most of whom had gathered for the scheduled 6 p.m. meeting, talked among themselves and shortly after 6:30 p.m. were told there would be no meeting.

On the agenda for the Nov. 13 meeting were the monthly departmental reports, approval to pay \$232,035.96 in warrants, approval of the second quarter budget adjustments, approval of putting a Detroit Edison LED light in the rear parking lot of township hall at a cost of \$1,074.82, approval of two storm water maintenance permits, and approval to the hire Austin James Sloan as a full-time police officer.

Reportedly, the newly elected officials — Clerk Esther Hurst, Treasurer Ken Bednark, and Trustee Tim Rush — and the deputy clerk and deputy treasurer, were to be sworn into office during a Nov. 19 holiday luncheon at township hall. 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green had been asked to preside at the swearing in, with Bednark opting to be sworn in by a circuit court judge.

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• **Friday, Nov. 30** – The Christmas Train is scheduled to come through tonight on the tracks that run through Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville. No time announced.

• **Friday, Nov. 30** – Free Winter Fest Animal Magic show with Mark Rosenthal in a tent on the Fourth Street Square in downtown Belleville at 6 p.m.

• **Saturday, Dec. 1** – Winter Fest in Belleville, with 6 p.m. parade followed by City Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies on the museum lawn and fireworks. Free Animal Magic show at 11 a.m. in the tent on Fourth Street Square.

• **Saturday, Dec. 1** – September Days Senior Center Annual Bake Sale from 9 a.m. until the goodies are gone. Also, Holiday Arts & Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VBT Parks and Recreation Department, 46425 Tyler Rd. Free entry.

• **Saturday, Dec. 1** – Wild West Murder Mystery Dinner at Belleville Moose Lodge at 5 p.m. Tickets \$10 for dinner and show. Call Moose at (734) 325-7799 for tickets.

• **Sunday, Dec. 2** – Free Sunday Music at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, 2-5 p.m. This week it's Albert Muniz Band. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Saturday, Dec. 8** – Belleville Area Museum Children's Christmas Ornament Workshop and free pictures with Santa from noon to 4 p.m. Special sessions with Santa at 11 a.m. for special needs children. Workshops at noon, 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Reservations encouraged and required for groups. Call (734) 697-1944.

Upcoming Meetings

• **Monday, Nov. 26** – City of Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School. Also, City of Belleville meets at 7:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 27** – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

• **Monday, Dec. 3** – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

New LED lighting being installed in Van Buren Township parking lots

Over the next three weeks, DTE Energy will be installing new LED lighting at the Van Buren Township Hall parking lots.

"Partnership with DTE Energy on this project brings savings to our energy and usage costs," said VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

The new LED lighting will increase visibility, safety and will save money on the township's electric bill, he said.

"If you plan on visiting the township hall for one of our fantastic programs or services, you may find areas of the parking lot blocked off for the construction/installation of the new lights," Supervisor McNamara said.

"Please note that only small areas of parking will be closed at one time. During construction, there will always be parking available close to an entrance. It just may not be the one you are used to using.

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VBT opts out

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against it,” Supervisor McNamara said. “But this thing passed two to one in the township and that’s something I’ve got to consider.”

“I don’t think there’s going to be as much money as expected,” said Treasurer Sharry Budd. She said 79% of the Colorado communities opted out. She said because the VBT voters voted to approve it, doesn’t necessarily mean they want a facility in the township.

“I would rather opt out,” Treasurer Budd said.

Clerk Leon Wright said his wife works in clinical therapy and so he has been shown both sides, including the good it can do.

“I voted against it and the township voted two to one,” Clerk Wright said. “No matter how you look at it, it’s two to one. We have to think about that. People are speaking and we say no.”

“We know the residents voted yes, but that doesn’t necessarily mean they want a facility in the township,” Budd said. “They are able to use it recreationally. We have two different questions. They wanted marijuana and that’s what they voted for.”

“I’m concerned about the effects of marijuana and your body,” said Trustee Sherry Frazier. “I think a neighboring community may opt in because of their financial concerns.”

Trustee Frazier said she didn’t want to say names, but people could say “Belleville” has facilities after, maybe, Sumpter would opt in.

“We need to educate the public on how to use it responsibly,” Frazier said. “Alcohol can ruin your life and you become an alcoholic. Also, marijuana can ruin your

life.

“Sooner or later, we’ll opt in,” she said, comparing it to Prohibition. “It wasn’t even a close vote. Maybe young people went to the polls on that one issue,” Frazier said.

Clerk Wright said you can’t say “not in my backyard” because it’s got to be in somebody’s backyard.

Supervisor McNamara said Ypsilanti Township and Wayne opted in for medical marijuana and probably will opt in for recreational. He said when the VBT committee was looking at having medical marijuana facilities, the Public Safety Department didn’t like it because it would take more money to police it than it would bring in.

Trustee Martin said, “There’s no rush. We can opt out and do our due diligence, form a committee. It’s easier to opt out now.”

“Once you opt out, other places have the businesses,” Frazier said. “If we opt in, we’re in control, with our regulations.”

“If you opt out, and later want to opt in, I don’t think we’ll lose out because of our location on the freeway,” Akers said. He said this new law had made a niche area for attorneys wanting to help communities opt in or opt out.

Frazier said if the township opted in, it would have an ordinance and be in control. She said VBT could partner with the schools, mental health agencies, and teach on how marijuana could affect you.

She said she was shocked that the law is giving \$22 million to a veterans’ organization and, “There must be something there that it’s helping.”

“PTSD,” Clerk Wright said.

“The oil can be life-saving,” Frazier said and Trustee Reggie Miller agreed, saying she has seen it.

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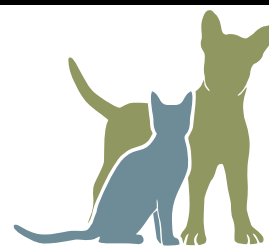
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Court Watching:**Foley Thompson case
adjourned until Nov. 28
at 34th District Court**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Foley Griffin Thompson, 70, had his preliminary exam adjourned until Nov. 28 on a charge of operating while intoxicated causing severe injury, operating with high blood alcohol count, and driving while license suspended in Sumpter Township on Sept. 16.

He is free after posting bond of \$5,000/10%. Retained attorney is Steven

K. Mamat.

Lapia Marie Cornelius

Lapia Marie Cornelius, 29, waived her preliminary exam before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green on Nov. 14.

Judge Green bound her over on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, reckless driving, and failure to stop at a property damage accident (attended vehicle) on March 16 in Van Buren Township.

She is free after posting bond of \$5,000/10% and due at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit on Nov. 28.

Walter Lee Gordon, Jr.

Walter Lee Gordon, Jr., 50, waived his preliminary exam on charges of filing a false report of a felony and for filing a false

report for an insurance claim on Aug. 24, 2017 in the City of Belleville.

Judge Green bound him over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Nov. 28 for an arraignment on the information. He was free after posting bond of \$20,000/10%.

Jeffrey Michael Perkins

Jeffrey Michael Perkins, 50, waived his

preliminary exam on a charge of operating while intoxicated-3rd on Oct. 26 in Van Buren Township. He is free after posting bond of \$2,500/10%.

Judge Green bound him over to circuit court at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice where he is due Nov. 28 for an arraignment on the information.

**Carleton police chief slips on ice,
shoots himself in the foot**

CARLETON — The chief of police in Carleton was taken to a hospital after accidentally shooting himself while on a call Thursday.

Chief Roy Johnson was transported to the University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, said Carleton Village President Larry Buckingham.

"It is a minor gunshot wound," he said.

Carleton police were responding to a breaking and entering call of an occupied home in the 200 block of Oakville-Waltz

Rd. Buckingham said Johnson slipped on ice and his weapon discharged with a bullet striking him in the foot.

"It was a through-and-through," Buckingham explained.

The suspect was apprehended. Carleton was assisting Monroe County Sheriff's Department on the call which was near I-275 on the Monroe County side of Oakville Waltz. Huron Township Police Department also assisted on the call. The chief is expected to be okay.

**Belleville teen arrested in Dearborn
during third police chase**

Nathan Patrick-Thomas Ling, 17, of Belleville was arrested Nov. 7 during his third attempt to elude Dearborn Police.

Van Buren Township Police put out the alert of a stolen vehicle and when a Dearborn police officer tried to stop him in the stolen vehicle, he fled at speeds up to 100 mph and the officer terminated the pursuit.

Later in the evening, Ling was spotted with the same stolen car by another Dearborn police officer and fled again, this time crashing into a bar at Wyoming and Michigan avenues. He fled on foot to a nearby building where he scaled a wall and taunted police and fire personnel by swearing loudly at them. He was taken into custody.

Warrants were issued by the Wayne

County Prosecutor's office on two counts of fleeing police officers, possession of a stolen vehicle, unlawful driving away of a motor vehicle and three counts of assaulting, resisting, obstructing a police officer.

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VBT opts out

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“I want to be in control,” Frazier said. “We’d be in control either way – opt in or opt out,” Trustee Miller said. “There’s no rush to it,” Martin repeated. “The state hasn’t decided on the rules.” He noted marijuana is still a Schedule 1 narcotic in the federal government’s eyes. “This is a huge decision for each and every one of us,” Miller said.

“This is a state mandate,” Martin said, noting the township can form its committee and study it. “We’re talking about recreational marijuana now.”

Akers said the state could release rules within a year and if the township opts in without regulations it might not work out well.

He said the township’s support for opting out and adopting regulations is a good plan.

“While it’s great to be first in a lot of things ... one of the best ways to operate is to watch other communities make the mistakes,” Akers said. “If we permit it, we can’t do anything about it.”

“I wish we would have formed a committee in advance because we knew it would be on the ballot ... and we have examples of others states,” Frazier said.

“Getting educated and getting the committee together is the first step,” Frazier said.

Clerk Wright agreed that they knew months ago it would be on the ballot and it would pass.

“It passed two to one and we don’t want it in our community,” Wright said. “We could have been looking at other states. We’ve got to start being proactive ... Why not lead sometimes?”

“Is recreational marijuana going to supersede medical marijuana?” Martin asked and Matthew Best said the new law only covers the sales. Akers said they would look into it.

Martin asked if the township would have five facilities. “I want to make sure we do our due-diligence, so we understand.”

McNamara said it sounds like they are in favor of opting out, forming a committee and getting stories together so they’d be ready if in the future they want to opt in.

Trustee Paul White said his nephew died of fentanyl and, “I can’t vote for something that would decimate the community.”

He said if there were five facilities times \$50,000 each that would bring in \$250,000 a year. “That wouldn’t even run the supervisor’s office. This can’t be a question of finances ... You have to look at the social benefits ... You shouldn’t jeopardize our youth.”

“You’re jumping so far over ...” said McNamara. “If we took a vote right now it would be 7-0 to opt out. But there is a considerable mandate.”

“Form the committee before we opt in or out, to find out what it means to the township,” Frazier said. “The committee should have people with open minds, with young people. Millennials think different than we do.”

McNamara said he asked three different attorneys how long the township had before they had to opt out and got three different answers. One lawyer said 30 days, one said you don’t have to do anything, and one said you have a year.

Wright said during Prohibition in the South they used battery acid to make alcohol. He said the underground market

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider the following variance requests:

1. **Case # 18-002:** A request by Occidental Development, 10830 Oak Lane (Parcel ID# 83-055-99-0003-004), otherwise known as the Southport Apartments, for a variance from the sign setback of 30 feet to construct a new sign. Other known addresses on the parcel include: 10591, 10667, 10743, 10897, 11150, and 11199 Oak Lane, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

2. **Case #18-003:** A request by Beverly Nielsen, 44559 Ecorse (Parcel ID# 83-038-99-0010-000) for a variance from the maximum number of horses on the property.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or via email at rakers@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning and Economic Development Department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

Mailed: October 30, 2018

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**CITY OF BELLEVILLE
 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
 Monday, October 15, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE
 2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Absent

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS
 Presentations None
 Council follow up list

Regarding the Doane's Landing seawall replacement, DPS Director Rick Rutherford stated that he has had a conversation with the N. Liberty condo owners and he is setting up a meeting to bring all stakeholders together to discuss "next steps."

Citizen Comments - None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to approve the City Council meeting minutes from October 1, 2018 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Jingle Bell Run

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 18-086 approving a request by the VBPS Education Foundation to host the annual Jingle Bell run on Saturday, December 1, 2018 with step off at Horizon Park at 9:45 a.m. High Street to be closed from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Main Street from 9:50 to 10:30 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. New Copier Bids

City Clerk Sherri Scharf opened and read aloud bids from the following companies:

1. Image Solutions, Wixom (Sharp MX-3050N/3550N/4050N)
 (\$5,727 purchase; 60-month lease from \$114.70 to \$127.71/month + maintenance/fee for copies)

2. Sterling Office Systems, Livonia (Sharp MX-5070V)
 (\$8,299 purchase; 60-month lease for \$175/month + maintenance/fee for copies)

3. Toshiba Business Solutions, Southfield (e-Studio 4515ac)
 (\$6,217 purchase; 60-month lease for \$158/month + maintenance/fee for copies)

4. Ricoh, Southfield (MPC4504ex)
 (\$6,220 purchase; 60-month lease for \$123.77/month + maintenance/fee for copies)

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to adopt Resolution No. 18-087 referring copier quotes to City Administration for review and recommendation. Council to approve at a meeting in November.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 18-088 for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$129,086.87.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to adjourn meeting at 8:02 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: November 5, 2018

Published: November 22, 2018

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There's free admission for all kids on Black Friday, Nov. 23, at the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport. There's cool exhibits and hands-on activities for everybody, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum's newly opened exhibit titled "Argus, Eyes for Victory," a local exhibit featuring the Argus Camera Company of Ann Arbor, who manufactured military optics. Argus made sights, and elbow telescopes

that were used on tanks, anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns, etc. The exhibit runs through February, 2019. Call (734) 483-4030 and visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

Rawsonville Woods manufactured home community is offering immediate occupancy and no site rent until Jan. 1, 2019 on their Homes of the Month for November. Get a 3-bedroom, 2-bath, brand-new 2018 home with 1,232 square feet of space for \$1,063.97 per month. See their ad in today's paper for details and call Jasmine Guajardo at (734) 461-6700. Visit www.meritushmc.com.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter Township will be holding a Cabernet & Christmas Card making fundraiser event on Dec. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. at their shelter on Arkona Road. The cost is \$29 per person, which includes 20 cards to take home with you. To register, call (734) 461-9458.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
 MINUTES
 NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller, and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Selman, and an audience of four (4).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Session minutes of October 15, 2018, Closed Session minutes of October 15, 2018, Board Meeting minutes of October 16, 2018, Prepaid List of October 18, 2018, Prepaid List of October 25, 2018, Prepaid List of November 1, 2018, Special Voucher List of November 6, 2018-Election Inspector Payroll, Voucher List of November 6, 2018, Prepaid List of November 8, 2018, Approval of the revised 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule, Approval of the re-appointment of Donald Boynton to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals (Planning Commission Rep. alternate) with a term to expire October 1, 2021, Approval of the re-appointment of Shareen Barker to the Local Development Finance Authority with a term to expire August 12, 2022, Approval of the re-appointment of James Williams to the Local Development Finance Authority with a term to expire August 12, 2022, Approval of Resolution 2018-31 the 2019 annual Wayne County Maintenance Permit A-19045, Approval of Resolution 2018-32 the 2019 annual Wayne County Special Events Permit A-19086, Approval of Resolution 2018-33 the 2019 annual Wayne County Pavement Restoration Permit A-19100, Approval of the agreement between the Township and the owner at 13156 Hannan Road and the City of Romulus for connection to the water system in the City of Romulus and approval of the Commercial Fireworks Display Permit application by Great Lakes Fireworks LLC to set off fireworks on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from the (closed)

Denton Road Bridge. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Clerk Wright thanked Marie and Bob Krouse for placing flags on all the graves of veterans in our cemeteries. Each year the Krouses volunteer their time, be it rain or shine, to make sure the veterans are honored. He also thanked poll workers, Wayne County Community College, and Van Buren Public Schools for a executing a successful election and praised voters for the high turnout. The Board acknowledged Donald Boynton for his dedication serving on the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Announcements included the following: Township administrative offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Senior Center Bake Sale is on Saturday, December 1st at 9:00 a.m., the Belleville Area Museum to putting on multiple holiday events residents are encouraged to attend, the week of November 26th is the last week for yard waste pickup, the Library Fund Development has raised \$190,000 to help cover construction cost increases for the Belleville Area District Library and welcomed community members to donate, the 9th Annual Belleville Area Council for the Arts Community Art Show was successfully held with judges including Hubert Massey, Trustee Miller, and Supervisor McNamara, and City of Belleville/Van Buren Township Goodfellows is now accepting in-person applications for those in need of assistance for Christmas at the police department.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
 Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
 Published: November 22, 2018

Today's paper features an insert by Tractor Supply, Inc. and their Black Friday ad, the biggest shopping weekend of the year, with many locations, including Saline, Trenton, Monroe, and Dundee. Visit www.tractorsupply.com. Also, there's a partial run of inserts from Happy House Shop, a Hallmark store, also inserted in today's paper. They're located in the Westgate Shopping Center at 2539 Jackson Road in Ann Arbor (734-662-9635), north of I-94 and in the Paint Creek Crossing at 2052 Whitaker Road (734-484-2771) in Ypsilanti. To learn more on how you can have your advertisement inserted into this newspaper, call me at (734) 699-9020.

Garden Fantasy Greenhouse on Tyler Road, just east of Morton Taylor, is a one-stop shop for holiday decorating, such as fresh Michigan-cut Christmas trees, wreaths, roping, poinsettias, and much more. Choose from a huge selection of grave blankets, cemetery cones, and wreaths. Call ahead to customize your order. They're open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (734) 697-1765.

The Belleville Chamber of Commerce and the City of Belleville are gearing up for Winter Fest weekend, Nov. 30 -Dec. 2, in Downtown Belleville. Animal Magic and Mark Rosenthal kicks off events on Friday with a free show beginning at 6 p.m. under the tent at Fourth Street Square. Animal Magic returns Saturday at 11 a.m. The light parade is on Saturday at 6 p.m., with fireworks over the lake, beginning at 8 p.m. See the complete schedule in their full-page ad in today's paper. Call (734) 697-7151.

Congratulations to the Belleville Tigers football team for a great playoff run, making it all the way to the state semi-finals before losing to Chippewa Valley, 28-16, last Saturday. Get 'em next year!

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.

**Gov. Snyder reappoints
 CaShawndra Range to
 Michigan Task Force**

On Friday, Governor Rick Snyder announced the reappointment of CaShawndra Range of Belleville to the Michigan Task Force on Physician's Assistants.

Range is a physician assistant for St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems' Neurosurgery Department in Ann Arbor and also is a physician assistant for Comprehensive Urology in Westland.

She holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology/zoology from the University of Michigan and a master's in physician assistant studies from Emory University. She will continue to represent physician's assistants.

She will serve a four-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2022. Her appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 500 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Nov. 11:
0006 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0026 – domestic, Bemis Rd.
0037 – fight, Locust Dr.
0139 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
0217 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0255 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.
0305 – missing person, Birch Dr.
0319 – property damage accident, Martz Rd./Lohr
0326 – domestic, E. Sadie Ln.
0445 – property damage accident, N. I-275/Ecorse
0743 – shooting, Springwood Blvd.
0807 – intrusion alarm, Quirk Rd.
0923 – suspicious person/vehicle, Daniel Dr.
1246 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1251 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1349 – larceny, Lake Villa Dr.
1415 – assist other dept., Stonebridge Dr.
1443 – narcotics crime, McBride Ave.
1525 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1534 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1601 – trespassing, Elwell Rd.
1608 – dumping complaint, Bog Rd.
1717 – shooting, Elwell Rd.
1815 – domestic, Monterey Dr.
1938 – road hazard, E. Huron River Dr.
2016 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
2018 – domestic, W. Archwood Dr.
2054 – traffic offense, Michigan Ave./Dellor

Monday, Nov. 12:
0230 – 911 welfare check, W. Archwood Dr.
0336 – 911 welfare check, Bemis Rd.
0650 – missing person, Lincoln St.
1012 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1154 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Jackson St.
1157 – property damage accident, Westlake Cir.
1217 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1221 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. Timberview Dr.
1326 – neighbor trouble, Greenwood Ct.
1333 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
1440 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1441 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1520 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1629 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1713 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1827 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1904 – road hazard, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty
1958 – animal complaint, Beckley Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 13:
0101 – fight, Buchanan St.
0531 – malicious destruction of property, Buchanan St.
0720 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
0725 – traffic offense, W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0810 – property damage accident, Tyler/Hannan
0824 – ordinance violation, Castell
1116 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1142 – suspicious person/vehicle, WB Michigan Ave./bypass
1208 – lost property/child, Denton Rd.
1325 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1405 – animal complaint, Beck/Ecorse
1417 – private property impound, Haggerty Rd.
1525 – malicious destruction of property, Vernon
1610 – domestic, Ash Dr.
1739 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1824 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2019 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belmont Dr.
2037 – domestic, Forestdale Dr.
2149 – domestic, Bemis Rd.
2355 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 14:
0024 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse
0835 – domestic, Meadows Cir.
1050 – domestic, Meadows Cir.
1239 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.

1244 – larceny from auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1341 – noise complaint, Brandi Dr.
1341 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1446 – neighbor trouble, Elwell Rd.
1612 – hospice death, Huron River Dr.
1621 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck
1631 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1734 – family trouble, W. Huron River Dr.
1859 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
2004 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2038 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
2111 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2200 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
2224 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2253 – threat, Hardwood Dr.

Thursday, Nov. 15:
0015 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
0250 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0631 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
0822 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0955 – ordinance violation, Edgedale Dr.
1028 – ordinance violation, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1115 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1146 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.
1203 – abandoned auto, South I-94 Service Dr.
1247 – mental subject, Beckley Rd.
1328 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1351 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robson rd.
1355 – domestic, Stonebridge Dr.
1446 – hospice death, Louisa Dr.
1537 – fraud, Denton Rd.

1605 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
1956 – family trouble, W. Huron River Dr.
2130 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Cumberland
2154 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2233 – sexual assault, Oak Blvd.

Friday, Nov. 16:
0339 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville/Quirk
0400 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0532 – larceny, S. Woodbury Dr.
0636 – private property/property damage accident, Lake Villa Dr.
0905 – assist other dept., Belleville/Quirk
0915 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0920 – abandoned auto, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1202 – sexual assault, Owen
1237 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.
1238 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1257 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1259 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1341 – breaking & entering, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1404 – road hazard, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1531 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1555 – road hazard, Tyler
1609 – domestic, E. Archwood Dr.
1615 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd.
1630 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd./Martz Rd.
1650 – fraud, Oak Ln.
2019 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
2036 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
2144 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Walk Blvd./Barnwell Dr.
2303 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
2312 – 911 welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 17:
0353 – suspicious person/vehicle, WB I-94/rest area
0630 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Van Born
0812 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1106 – abandoned auto, Walmart
1151 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1157 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St.
1203 – suspicious person/vehicle, Winding Pond
1531 – fight, Quirk
1656 – road hazard, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell Rd
1657 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1800 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
1839 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr./Edison Lake Rd.
1914 – malicious destruction, Maple Dr.
1941 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2329 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 231 traffic stops, 66 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 11:
0144 – assist fire dept., High St.
0245 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
0256 – noise complaint, N. Liberty St.
0537 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
0819 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
0840 – found property/child, Main St.
1123 – domestic, N. Biggs Ave.
1126 – traffic offense, Belleville/Quirk
1359 – traffic offense, Liberty/Belleville
1413 – missing person, Loza Ln.

Monday, Nov. 12:
1339 – larceny, South St.
1529 – intrusion alarm, Potter Dr.
1743 – retail fraud, South St.
1822 – private property impound, South St.
1850 – follow up by officer, Astor
1923 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 13:
0809 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1312 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1852 – miscellaneous complaint, Henry St.
2012 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St.

Wednesday, Nov. 14:
0150 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd. / Industrial Park Dr.
1507 – traffic offense, Main St.
1743 – suspicious person/vehicle, Third St.
1817 – warrant arrest, Sumpter/Willis
2157 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

Thursday, Nov. 15:
0321 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
0746 – miscellaneous complaint, Clarence/Robbe
1100 – malicious destruction of property, N. Liberty St.

1224 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1224 – suspicious person/vehicle, Madelon/Robbe
1225 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1243 – warrant arrest, Hamlin
1600 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
1619 – traffic offense, Charles St./Roys St.
1728 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty
1821 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
2032 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Friday, Nov. 16:
0744 – trespassing, Clarence St.
0858 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Liberty St.
1142 – sexual assault, Owen St.
1624 – vehicle lockout, Carmell St.
1658 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./2nd St.
1950 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
2036 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Edgemont
2049 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.
2224 – parking complaint, Fifth/Main

Saturday, Nov. 17:
0141 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.
0155 – neighbor trouble, N. Liberty St.
1130 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
1239 – traffic offense, W. Huron River/Elwell
1750 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1846 – traffic offense, Elwell/W. Huron River Dr.
1942 – traffic offense, Belleville/Denton
Also on this week’s log are 49 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 11:
0038 – assist other agency, out of township
0317 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
0701 – well-being check, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
0734 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
0755 – 911 hang up, Pecan St.
1053 – animal complaint, 29000 bl. Martinsville
1239 – subpoena service, out of township
1258 – well-being check, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
1614 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1935 – property damage accident, Willow/Clark
2233 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Monday, Nov. 12:
0248 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
0348 – assist other agency, Bemis/Sumpter
0917 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0959 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1130 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1259 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1437 – traffic hazard, Oakville Waltz/Clark
1639 – neighbor dispute, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
1747 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
2132 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 13:
0236 – death investigation, 24000 bl. Martinsville
0743 – juvenile complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0813 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0834 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.
1042 – alarm, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1150 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1305 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1311 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1311 – fraud complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1543 – disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1749 – animal bite complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1843 – traffic hazard, Willow/Martinsville
2224 – alarm, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 14:
0205 – warrant arrest pick up, 23000 bl. Sherwood
0337 – property damage accident, Savage/Harris
1123 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Rd.
1618 – property damage accident, Harris/Haggerty
1650 – assist other agency, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.
1741 – assist other agency, out of township
1943 – property damage accident, Savage/Bemis
2336 – assist other agency, Bemis/Lohr

Thursday, Nov. 15:
0421 – assist other agency, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0910 – alarm, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1046 – traffic hazard, Oakville Waltz/Carleton West
1141 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis
1201 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1538 – well-being check, Sumpter/Bemis
1600 – fire dept. assist, Oakville Waltz / Rawsonville
1703 – warrant arrest pick up, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
1824 – fight, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2242 – fire dept. assist, Texas
2304 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, Nov. 16:
0425 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0556 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1333 – reckless driver, Rawsonville/Willis
1543 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2218 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Sumpter/Harris
2348 – civil dispute, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 17:
0658 – fire dept. assist, Tulip
1119 – suspicious incident, Sumpter/Judd
1333 – citizen assist, Brookview Dr.
1407 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1715 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1900 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood Dr.
2020 – family trouble, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
2330 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
2341 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Wear
2344 – noise complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.

Also on this week’s log are seven follow-up investigations, 30 miscellaneous details, 87 patrol checks, and 49 traffic stops.

Snow means VBT sled hill open for business

Snow has arrived which means the sled hill at Van Buren Park is open for business. The annual preparations have already started for the sled hill.

Van Buren Township staff has put out 75 new straw bales along the side of the hill for safety. Gonzy has been hired to remove the brush along the stairs and hillside of fencing.

More signage about the sled hill rules will be installed at the top of the hill, as well.

VBT Building and Grounds will be contracting with a company to install fencing along the south slope and a new handrail for the stairs.

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VBT opts out

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adds ingredients to the marijuana to make it more potent. He said you have to educate your kids.

"Let's think about it hard, instead of just brushing it under the rug," Wright said.

Miller wanted to know exactly what the job of the subcommittee would be.

"Research the facts and come back," McNamara replied. "The reason we're talking now is that if you don't opt out in 30 days, it's in. Adopting an ordinance takes two readings."

When asked who was on the last committee on medical marijuana, Akers said he was on it, with Best, the township attorney, planner Patrick Sloan, Fire Marshal Dave McNally, Byron Kelley and Don Boynton of the planning commission, Police Lt. Charles Bazzy, and Police Chief Jason Wright.

"No young people," Miller pointed out.

Frazier suggested putting it out to the community that the board wants residents to serve, but McNamara didn't want it to do it that way.

"I'll call you when I decide how to do the committee," he said, adding if you open it up you're going to get extremists on both sides.

"I volunteer," Miller said.

Frazier said the committee needed to be representative of the community.

"The residents are telling you yes, yes and yes again," Wright said.

Best said every day, or at least twice a week, "We have people calling to site [facilities] in this community." And, he said, these aren't business people, but attorneys. "Consider opting out while we

look at what the right thing to do is. You can always opt in... Just so we can give you guys all the information."

"There's no rush," Frazier said.

"Thirty days," said Treasurer Budd.

"I'm going to prepare paperwork to opt out and present it at the December meeting," McNamara said.

"I'll prepare a plan for a committee, but I won't form it before I talk to you," he said to the board. He invited them to send him their ideas.

Trustee White said a suggestion would be a doctor who has treated drug patients and Miller reminded him they weren't dealing with medical marijuana.

"There are still a lot of questions," said Budd. "I think it's wise to wait. I don't want to be the first guy jumping in this hole."

News reports say the Village of Pinckney and the Troy City Council have opted out since the Nov. 6 election and the Monroe City Council voted to opt out the day before the election. Portage and Plainfield are in the process of opting out.

Birthdays

Nov. 14 – Chuck Guisgand

Nov. 19 – Katrina Guisgand

Nov. 20 – Dominick Kupkowsky

Nov. 26 – Rowena Zimmerman, Larry O'Sullivan

Nov. 27 – Katie Dallos

Nov. 28 – Jane Vesche

Nov. 29 – Linda Endicott

Nov. 30 – Charlie Butler, Gayle Pitzen

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